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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)
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Examiner
John Young

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) John Young

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(2) Andre Gibbs

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Date of Interview Aug 28, 2002

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1,

Identification of prior art discussed:

Halbert US 6,101,484

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant's representative proffered that the Halbert reference fails to either disclose or suggest or provide motivation for the "bid transformer" element of claim 1. The Examiner contends that based on the breadth of the claim language, the interpretation of the claim can not support some of the narrower features found in the specification. The Examiner suggested possibly narrowing the claim. The Examiner also contends that there is in fact motivation and suggestion in the applied references and pointed out where (even though the suggestion and motivation may not be the same as that of the instant invention. The Examiner suggested further options such as and RCE with amendments and further arguments or appeal.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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Examiner's signature, if required